

audit. A Model Citizens' Charter has also been drawn and circulated to States/UTs for adoption.

(c) and (d) No such proposal to replace the PDS is under consideration at present. However, the Government has launched many schemes, including employment generating schemes, for the welfare of the poor.

Attacks on Indian Fishermen

*175. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken up the matter regarding the repeated attacks on the Indian fishermen by the Sri Lankan Navy, with the Government of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what actions has been taken or is proposed to be taken to prevent such type of atrocities by Sri Lankan Navy?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH):

(a) to (c) Government take up every reported incident of shooting of Indian fishermen by Sri Lankan Navy with the Government of Sri Lanka. The Sri Lanka Government has denied involvement of its Navy in a large majority of cases. The issue was also brought up during the visit of the President of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga, in February 2001. The Sri Lankan Government have assured Government of India that their forces are under instructions to exercise maximum restraint in dealing with Indian fishermen found in Sri Lankan waters.

Improvement of PDS

†*176. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantity of wheat, rice, sugar and kerosene being distributed per unit under Public Distribution System and the categories to whom the said items are being provided at present;

(b) whether Government have formulated any scheme to improve Public Distribution System;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.